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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document is also enclosed.

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
04-106861	Japan	April 8, 1992

REMARKS

The JP '861 reference is cited at page 1 of the specification, and is believed pertinent for the reasons set forth therein. An English translation of the Japanese reference is not readily available to Applicant's attorney, but may be provided if required by the Examiner. An English abstract obtained from a commercial database also is enclosed for the Japanese reference as an English language statement of relevance for the Examiner's consideration.

FEE STATEMENT

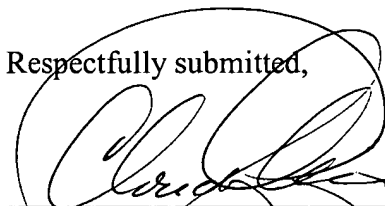
The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the present application, or prior to the mailing of an initial official action. Accordingly, Applicant believes that no fee is required. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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